



# Spry Fly New Zealand

Fly Fishing Guides, Schools & Safaris - in the Heart of the South Island



## Take Two - 2023/24

Our well known 5 day/6 night fishing package, including 5 full days of guiding, accommodation for 6 nights and most meals fully catered. Select a week, confirm a booking and book your flights.



### Lakes

There's heaps of lakes to fish in the region. Large and small, all with great fish for the sight fisherman to pursue



### Summertime Terrestrials

Summer is terrestrial season - grasshoppers, blowflies, cicadas & willow grubs. Get the big hits and follow the sunshine



### Mountain Streams

On a hot day, a cool mountain stream holds willing fish. Watch your quarry feeding, before slipping your imitation into the feeding slot

## TRIP DETAILS

"Take Two" trips will be conducted continuously from early in the trout season **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2023** through to the close of our fishing season on **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Trips commence on **Sunday evening on arrival into Twizel** You'll need to make your own travel arrangements to Twizel from the airport of your choosing – Queenstown is the closest, but Christchurch is only a further hour or so away. Included in the overall price are 5 days of guiding, all meals and accommodation (except whilst in transit - including the first Sunday night meal), together with transport to, from and on the stream.

**OVERALL PRICE:** Our price per person for **five** days of guiding and **six** nights of accommodation is NZ\$4495.00, per person.

**DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS:** NZ\$1500.00 per person is required at the time of booking for this season. This allows us to cover various costs associated with the time between now and your departure. This deposit will also secure your position in the "Take Two" program, at a time when there is a lot of demand for the few available weeks. Deposits can be paid with Credit/Debit Card\*, Direct International Deposit or NZ\$ Draft.

**\*Please Note: All Credit/Debit Card payments will attract an extra 3% booking fee, payable at the time of payment.**  
Bookings will only be made permanent once a deposit has been received.

**PAYMENT OF BALANCE:** The remaining balance is payable **45 days prior to the commencement of your trip**.

**CANCELLATION:** In the event of a cancellation prior to the 45 day period mentioned above, a full refund of the deposit will be given, unless you choose to transfer to an alternative date that season or the following, should one be available. If you need to cancel your trip inside the 45 day period above, for any reason, you will have to claim against your own travel insurance. Therefore, please ensure you have comprehensive travel insurance cover, in case of cancellations. However, if an alternative group can be found within the 45 day period, we will issue a refund, less 10% administration fees, or offer a full credit for a later date that season, or the following season, should one be available.

**LIMIT TO NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** No persons outside your party will be included on your trip and your party will have the sole and exclusive services of your guide throughout your stay. However, up to two parties may be accommodated at "The Angle" at any one time.

Whilst individual anglers are not catered for in the "Take Two" program, from time to time, single places do occur. Although trips will not start with only one participant, it may be possible to slot in two or more individuals to make up a "Take Two" trip. It is **not** the responsibility of Spry Fly NZ to find a partner for individuals however, please contact us to see if there are any potential places available for single participants, otherwise a "single supplement" will be payable.

**ALTERATIONS TO SCHEDULES:** Because of the possibility of all sorts of unforeseen circumstances, Spry Fly NZ reserves the right to alter or amend any advertised details of any trip at any time when/as this is seen to be in the best interests of all concerned.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**AIRLINE BOOKINGS:** Whilst we can offer limited travel advice in this matter, Spry Fly NZ does not take responsibility for the booking and payment of your airline travel, nor any land based travel/accommodation prior to the commencement of the trip. Do remember to advise us of your arrangements once they have been made.

**TRAVEL TO AND FROM YOUR HOME TOWN TO DEPARTURE POINT:** Again, this is your sole responsibility.

**ON LOCATION TRANSPORT:** Spry Fly NZ will provide transport to and from the fishing locations around Twizel each day.

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** A passport **is** required - persons not holding a current Passport should commence procedures to obtain same not less than six weeks prior to departure. Passports will require at least 6 months validity prior to trip commencement. Visas aren't required by holders of Australian passports at the time of writing - others should make

independent inquiries as to their status in this respect. Your address whilst in Twizel is 59 Jollie Road, Twizel, which you'll need to note on your arrival card.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE RECOMMENDATIONS:** From time to time accidents and problems might occur, or plans might have to change. Therefore, **travel insurance is strongly recommended** to cover persons, property, public liability, sickness and non-refundable deposits. Please make independent inquiries regarding travel insurance. Note that since fishing rods are not usually permitted as cabin baggage, suitable packaging is essential.

**CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Participants should carry currency for purchases of a personal nature in the form of: Visa, Bankcard, AMEX, NZ traveler's cheques, or NZ cash. (Foreign Traveler's Cheques or cash can be changed, but not at always at the most advantageous rates.) There is a bank in Twizel which will change currency or travelers cheques during normal banking hours. Currency exchange is also available at the airport upon arrival.

**INCIDENTAL EXPENSES:** Not included in the overall price of this trip are:

Personal expenditure for such items as drinks and snacks, incidental fishing equipment including trout flies and other expendable material, fishing licenses, travel documents, travel insurance and departure taxes, together with meals whilst in transit (including the first meal on Sunday night) and of course, souvenirs and other items of a strictly personal nature.

## "ON LOCATION" DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be housed at Spry Fly NZ's lodge "The Angle - Fly Fishers' Cottage", a dedicated home-stay in Twizel, (approximately 60km south of Mt. Cook) in the South Island of New Zealand. **Broadband WIFI** is available free of charge at the lodge, as is free to air TV.

**ROOM SHARING:** Bookings are on the basis of twin share accommodation; however, depending on booking numbers, single rooms are frequently available, with two bathrooms for the four bedrooms in the unit.

**MEAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Self service breakfast (with cereals, bacon, eggs, tomatoes and toast and spreads available) and a pre-prepared dinner are provided at the Lodge each day – meals are not served to you, so will require a bit of final preparation with full instructions. Take-away lunches are supplied each day, with 3 course dinners pre-prepared by our chef and kept for you to eat when you are ready. Sample dinner menus often start with a sharing plate or perhaps some smoked trout you have caught yourself, mains include Moroccan Lamb Shanks on couscous, Salmon Steaks with Salad, Lamb Roast or a Mild Beef Curry and desserts vary each week.

**SPECIAL DIETRY REQUIREMENTS:** **Please advise us before commencing your trip, where medical or preference requirements dictate the necessity for special arrangements.**

## FISHING INFORMATION

**LOCATION:** Your fishing will include the streams, waterways and lakes amongst the catchment areas of Lakes Tekapo, Pukaki, Ohau and Benmore, known as the Mackenzie Basin, and nearby catchments.



**FISHING BACKGROUND:** Warm, balmy days are to be anticipated through the main part of the season. Rivers are generally crystal clear and the fishing is a mixture of dry fly and nymph on the stream, with similar flies often the best alternative on lakes as well. Under some stream fishing circumstances, the favoured method is a nymph (perhaps two in tandem) fished upstream beneath a strike indicator or dry fly. We endeavour to offer a wide variety of water conditions and scenery during the week. Both sight fishing and "blind" fishing will be used depending on your experience and conditions. Trout - both brown and rainbow -

are in abundance in the Twizel area. Some rivers contain a mixture of the two species whilst others feature one species in

particular. It may be possible to target a specific species if conditions are favourable. Weather conditions, especially windy days are usually the limiting factor when fishing, however your guide will endeavour to mitigate weather constraints wherever possible.

#### **EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

**Rods:** 5 to 6 weight is recommended, with a spare if possible.

**Lines:** We prefer Double Taper floating lines personally, but they can be hard to obtain, so stick with Weight Forward if you have them – don't make any special purchases! Whilst you can bring a matching full sinking or sink-tip line if you have one, they are not often used.

**Leaders:** Tapered leaders with 5 to 8lb tippets are recommended with 9' to 12' the normal length. Fluorocarbon tippets are being used more and more, so if you need some new tippets, pick up a bit of fluoro. Sink/Intermediate and floating leaders are worth bringing if you already have them, but don't buy any especially.

*Spry Fly NZ can provide all "hardware" if required, with modern and well maintained rods, reels and flylines, as well as Goretex chest waders and wading boots – please reserve tackle in advance if required.*

**FLIES:** With many opportunities for dry fly fishing throughout the season, it is important to remember to bring a variety of flies. The Cicada fishing in particular, is often quite spectacular. It is at this time that fish lose their inhibitions and feed from deep in the pools and runs. The peak season for cicadas is in mid-January and through to late February/early March. Floating a cicada down along a grassy undercut bank will bring big fish out of hiding for what are often, truly spectacular takes. It can be heart stopping when a big shape starts materialising out of the depths to take your fly.

At right, rests a natural taken from the mouth of a fish which had succumbed to the stimulator at the top of the picture. Another favourite pattern is the deer hair body cicada in the middle, which proves almost unsinkable and totally irresistible to trout!



**Nymphs** – Weighted and unweighted Hare & Copper, Pheasant Tail (tiny, heavy #18 & #16), Cream and Green Caddis Pupae, Copper John, Peacock & Copper and tungsten bead heads of the above. Don't overlook the ubiquitous Peacock and Black as an indispensable snail imitation

**Dries** - Parachute Adams, Klinkhamer Special, Goddard Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis, Royal Wulff, Stimulators &, Para Hackle Duns and Yellow Humpies, Blue and Green Blowflies and Cicadas for the warmer months.

**Emergers** – a variety of sizes and colours of your favourite emergers, including black, brown and grey.

**Streamers** – Tungsten Head Woolly Bugger (Olive & Black), Mrs. Simpson and if you are brave, a Sex Dungeon in Black.

All flies should be tied in a wide variety of sizes, from #12 to #16, with nymphs being in a variety of weights, from tungsten bead heads to un-weighted, and a variety of weight in between. A full range of flies is available in Twizel, upon arrival at reasonable rates. We fish smaller flies earlier and later in the season, is a general rule of thumb – consider nymphs well weighted but in the #14 to #16 sizes and sparsely tied.

**FISHING CLOTHING & WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS:** Some valleys in the area are subject to strong winds during Spring in particular, but pleasant, warm weather should be anticipated. Nevertheless, some warm clothing - especially pullovers and perhaps, thermal underwear is advised as is a suitable rain jacket (***please, no brightly coloured jackets as they do frighten fish!***), especially early and late in the season.

**WADERS:** Breathable waders are the most suitable option in nearly all circumstances. However, on warmer days, wet wading is a viable alternative, so a pair of wading boots or sandshoes and shorts or quick dry pants are advisable. Snakes are not a consideration in New Zealand! In the cooler months of October/November and April, waders are recommended for thermal protection.

**FISHING CALENDER:** Whilst no guarantees can be given for the quality of the fishing at any one time of the season, nor for the types of weather situations to be expected, the following is a brief guide to what to expect at various times of the season.

Month	Nymph Fishing	Dry Fly Fishing	Water Conditions	Sight Fishing	Fishing Pressure	Weather	Guide Availability
<b>Oct.</b>	V. Good	Good	Higher & Cold	Good	Lowest	Cooler/wind poss.	Quieter
<b>Nov.</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Higher & Cool	Great	Highest	Mild/wind poss.	Very Busy
<b>Dec.</b>	Excellent	Good	Medium & Cool	Great	High	Warm/wind poss.	Busy
<b>Jan.</b>	Good	Excellent	Med/Low & Warm	Best	Medium/High	Hot/settled	Very Busy
<b>Feb.</b>	Good	Excellent	Low & Warmer	Best	Highest	Hot/settled	Very Busy
<b>March</b>	V.Good	Good	Low & Warmer	Good	High	Warm/settled	Very Busy
<b>April</b>	Excellent	V.Good	Med/low & cooler	Tougher	Lowest	Cold/settled	Quieter

## PERSONAL DETAILS

**CASUAL CLOTHING:** Neat casual attire is suggested for evening meals and travel.

**SUN PROTECTION:** Yes, have some! SPF 30+ is strongly recommended. A broad brimmed hat not only protects from the sun, but also assists when polaroiding for trout. Long sleeved shirts and U.V. block gloves are highly recommended. The sun is particularly ferocious in southern New Zealand throughout summer, even on overcast days.

**INSECT REPELLENT:** Not required under most circumstances although, sand flies can be troublesome in some limited areas - your guide will advise if it necessary and they carry insect repellent in their vehicle.

**DRINKING WATER:** Giardia (a parasite that results from human and animal contamination in some of NZ's waterways) can cause severe diarrhoea and stomach problems and other waterborne diseases are becoming more prevalent. **DO NOT DRINK WATER FROM THE RIVERS.** Drinking water is carried in vehicles on all trips, but you should also carry your own supply.

**OTHER HAZARDS:** Some rivers are *fast flowing* with some deep holes - usually relatively conspicuous, but care must always be taken when crossing rivers and fishing. Ensure you follow your guides' instructions carefully and make use of a wading staff and/or your guide to assist you where required.

**SUGGESTED SPENDING MONEY CONSIDERATIONS:** People ask "How much New Zealand currency should I take?" You might take say NZ\$95 for drinks, NZ\$180 (at the time of writing) for a fishing license – buy on-line before you depart <http://www.fishandgame.org.nz> with (Central South Island being your location) and about NZ\$80 for flies, tippet materials and any other odd bits and pieces. You'll require perhaps NZ\$65 for a meal Sunday night and a snack or something here and there. Most people like to bring home a bottle of booze from the duty free shop so there's another \$70 gone! Add that all up and you're in for NZ\$500. Allow for an extra say 50% and you're up to NZ\$750. Major Credit Cards work throughout NZ and there is an ATM available in town.

Spry Fly New Zealand accepts Visa and Mastercard, but we do charge a 3% handling fee, so direct credit payments may be a convenient alternative payment method.

### NEW ZEALAND CONTACT DETAILS:

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   Email: [willspry@xtra.co.nz](mailto:willspry@xtra.co.nz)            <http://www.spryfly.co.nz>

Lodge Address:            59 Jollie Road, Twizel

Mobile phones work in Twizel, provided they have been set up for international roaming - but don't tell work this!

**HOME CONTACT DETAILS:** Please supply this information in the space provided on the attached registration form. This is in case we need to urgently contact someone on your behalf.

**DETAILS OF ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS:** Please advise your guide if he should be aware of any particular medical conditions you suffer, which may impact on your stay and more importantly, on your health and safety, together with any medications we may need to be aware of, for your safety.

**LIABILITY:** This information has been compiled as carefully and diligently as possible - but you know how things go wrong. We've done our best but we're not able to promise this "Trip Specification Sheet" is not going to be a bit out somewhere. The information contained herein is supplied in good faith on the basis of the opinions of the writer at the time of writing. Meanwhile, notwithstanding any information contained or implied in this "Trip Specification Sheet" or by way of any communication made leading up to or during the course of the trip, Will & Shelley Spry and Spry Fly NZ Ltd. will not be held responsible for any damage, loss or injury to persons or property for any reason whatsoever.



# Spry Fly NZ Ltd - TRIP BOOKING FORM

Please detach and return this form with your deposit, after completing all sections.

To: Spry Fly NZ Ltd., P.O. Box 7, Twizel 7944, NEW ZEALAND

Please enroll me for your "Take Two" program for the week commencing: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
(please be sure to confirm availability of dates)

My deposit of NZ\$1500.00 per person is enclosed or has been paid via internet banking:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (A/H) + \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) + \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOME CONTACT DETAILS

(In case we need to contact someone in an emergency on your behalf whilst you're travelling overseas.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (A/H) + \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) + \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the conditions of the Take Two Package and confirm that I will abide by their terms.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Method of deposit payment (NZ\$1500.00 per person):

NZ\$ Currency Draft Made payable to: Spry Fly NZ Ltd

Direct Banking Details **Account Name:** Spry Fly NZ Ltd

**Account Number:** 06-0966-0108044-00 **SWIFT Number:** ANZBNZ 22

**Bank Address:** ANZ Bank, 22 Market Place, Twizel 7901, NZ

(Please include your name in the Reference Field)

Credit Card Type (please tick):   

(Please note, all Credit Card Transactions attract an additional 3% merchant fee)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Your name as on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

(PRIVACY - Please note, this information is never held electronically, in order to protect your valuable private information from unwanted eyes. We will not disclose any personal information to anyone else, unless it is with your express permission.)

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